An assembly will be held on Monday, 4th August as part of our Education Week celebration. We are also hoping that parents can stay afterwards and have lunch with their children and visit classrooms in the afternoon. There will be more details forthcoming but please try to set aside Monday, 4 August from 12.30pm to join us in highlighting the importance of education.

**P & C Fundraiser - Fathers Day Stall**
The P & C are running a Father’s Day stall on Thursday, 4th September and are asking for donations of items to be sold as gifts at that stall. Would you please consider donating some appropriate items for children to purchase for their Dads?

**National Cross Country Champion**
Congratulations to our athlete, Karlee Symonds who is off to Perth for the National Cross Country championships in August. We are very proud of her and we will be arranging some fundraising events to support her participation. I am hoping that our newly formed Student Representative Council (SRC), can help with this fundraising.

**NAIDOC Week celebrations**
Thank you to Amy Humphries and Nadine Longbottom for their fantastic contributions towards our NAIDOC program.

**School Canteen Operations**
A huge thank you also to the parents who have rallied to keep the canteen open most days during the past week during the canteen manager’s absence.
The operation of the canteen is currently under review by your P & C Committee. Your feedback regarding the canteen is most welcome. The working party is looking at options to make the canteen a profitable enterprise which will include a review of the times that the canteen is open, the menu available and the prices. If you have some thoughts about our canteen, please contact me and I will take your input to the working party.

**Student Recognition**
During the week, the following people brightened my day with their efforts:
- Our Koori dancers and 5/6G who participated in Havenlee School's NAIDOC program. I have received several comments from the staff at Havenlee about the great contribution from all of those students.

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**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE**

**Student Progress Reports**
I have had some good feedback about the student reports that went home last term. The reports were altered to provide more individualised information regarding students’ progress in their educational programs. However, an important scale was omitted from the front cover that has caused some concerns. My apologies for this omission. In the explanation of the Assessment of Achievement on the cover sheet, there should have been an “A” against outstanding; “B” for High; “C” for Sound; “D” for Basic and “E” for Limited. It is important that parents/carers read the information that explains this scaling.

**Life Education Program**
The Life Education Program is being offered to students this year. A permission note is accompanying this newsletter. The cost is $4 per child which needs to be paid by Thursday, 31 July. The program will run from Monday, 4 August until Monday, 11 August here at school.

**Education Week Assembly**
and the respectful and responsible attitudes that they displayed
• Gypzy Eldridge showed me her great improvement in writing skills
• Katie Halliday made me an amazing “doll chain” which sparked the interest and involvement of other students

Have a wonderful, warm week!

Mrs JulieAshby
Principal

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR SUCCESS
SUPERSTAR AWARD / TROPHY

K/1G Caitlin Whymark
K-1K Ryan Shimmen
1T Gypzy Eldridge
2D Olivia Berger
2/3W Dale Whymark
3/4F Tarah Smith
4/5P Mitchell Bawden
5/6G Sarah Whymark
5/6W Kaitlin Murray
K-6 Support Rowan Hodge

ICAS SCIENCE SKILLS COMPETITION
Congratulations to our two scientists who participated in the recent international science skills competition. Well done to Declan Courtney-Drennan and special congratulations to Matthew Hyam who received a Distinction for his efforts, finishing in the top 11% of Australian year 4 students.

Mrs Clifton

LOCAL AREA WALKING GROUP YRS 1-6
Mrs Coates and Mr Webb will supervise a group of students who would like to go for walks outside the school during Thursday lunch time (1.30 pm – 2.00 pm). This activity is covered by the Local Area Excursion permission form sent home at the beginning of 2014. If you do not wish your child to be involved in this activity please contact the school office.

- NEW DATE – NEW DATE – NEW DATE – NEW DATE –

K-2 AFL SKILLS DAY
The K-2 AFL Skills Day has been re-scheduled to Friday, 12th September at Nowra Showground. The original permission note and payment previously completed is valid for this excursion.

SCHOOL BANKING – CHANGE OF DAY
Thank you to Annette James who has volunteered to run the School Banking program for the school. Please note school banking will now happen every FRIDAY so don’t forget to put your bank deposit books in the banking box located at the canteen.

P&C NEWS
The clothing pool is always appreciative of any donations of pre-loved school uniforms. If you have any uniforms that your child/ren have grown out of they can be dropped off at the canteen.

STAGE 3 – CANBERRA EXCURSION
Monday, 17th November – Thursday, 20th November
A reminder to parents of Stage 3 students that the next monthly instalment of $50 is due on 30th July, 2014

DID YOU KNOW…?
Children can sometimes mistake hunger for thirst. If your child says they are hungry before dinner, offer them a drink of water first. If they are still hungry, offer them a healthy snack.

Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District

KINDERTAGEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2015
If you have a child who will be enrolling for Kindergarten next year, and have not already notified the school office, please contact us. If you know of other families intending to enrol at North Nowra Public School please inform them also to contact the school office so we can begin the planning process. Out of zone applications are also being considered.